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E.O. 11652: XGDS-5  
TAGS: ELAB, PINR, AS  
SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN TRADE UNIONIST VISIT TO IRAQ

REF: STATE 241371

EMBASSY REPEATS BELOW, FOR DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION,  
THE FOLLOWING REPORT PREPARED BY LABATT IN MELBOURNE  
(MELBOURNE, PLEASE NOTE THA WE HAVE CLASSIFIED YOUR  
MESSAGE BECAUSE OF JUDGMENTS EXPRESSED THEREIN):

"MELBOURNE 2110

"1. WE BELIEVE 'PETER HARDLEY' REFERED TO IN REFTTEL  
ALMOST CERTAINLY BILL HARTLEY WHO WAS ONE OF VICTORIAN  
DELEGATES TO ALP'S BIENNIAL CONFERENCE IN PERTH IN JULY.

"2. OVER YEARS HARTLEY HAS MOVED ABOUT AS FAR LEFT ON  
ALP SPECTRUM AS IT IS POSSIBLE TO GO WITHOUT FALLING OFF  
EDGE INTO COMMUNISM. MODERATE ALP LEADERS LIKE HAWKE  
AND DUCKER REGARD HIM AS EMBARRASSMENT AND AS MEMBER OF  
PARTY'S 'RATBAG' FRINGE.

"3. SINCE HARTLEY IS NOT TRADE UNION LEADER PROBABILITY  
IS THAT IRAQUIS INVITED HIM IN HIS CAPACITY AS PROMINENT  
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AND OUTSPOKEN LEFT-WING MEMBER OF ALP'S VICTORIAN BRANCH.

"4. WE DO NOT KNOW SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF INVITATION OR  
TRIP. FAGAN."  
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